

2017 Midpoint Assessment: Year of Decision

Decisions from the October 3, 2017
Principals' Staff Committee Meeting



Upcoming PSC Meetings

- **PSC decided to not meet on October 30-31, 2017**
 - They will instead have a one-hour conference call
 - No WQGIT-related items are scheduled for the agenda at this time
- **PSC will have their two-day retreat on December 19-20, 2017**
 - This is instead of the December 13 meeting to allow more time to review final data and presentation materials
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The WQGIT will have a joint meeting with the Modeling Workgroup first week in December (4-5) at in prep for Dec 19-20 PSC meeting

Upcoming 2017 PSC Decisions

- **Decisions and Presentations for December 19-20, 2017 PSC Meeting**
 - **Presentation** of modeling results of Conowingo scenario options using final calibrated Phase 6 modeling tools, with a comparison of scenario options to the jurisdictions' draft Phase III WIP planning targets.
 - **Decision Requested:** (1) Who should be responsible for addressing the additional load due to Conowingo; (2) how should it be allocated; and (3) by when should this additional load be addressed?
 - **Presentation** of modeling results of climate change impacts (precipitation change, temperature increase, and sea level rise) using final calibrated Phase 6 modeling tools, with a comparison of scenario results to the draft Phase III WIP planning targets to show any changes to levels of effort.
 - **Decision Requested:** (1) how should climate change considerations and impacts be factored into the Phase III WIPs and (2) by when?

Upcoming 2017 PSC Decisions

- **Decisions and Presentations for December 19-20, 2017 PSC Meeting**
 - A **presentation** of each jurisdiction's 2025 growth projection will be provided.
 - **Decision Requested:** Does the PSC concur with the WQGIT recommendations to (1) use 2025 growth projections as base conditions for the Phase III WIPs and (2) update these projections every two years?
 - **Decision Requested:** Approval of the final calibrated Phase 6 suite of modeling tools.
 - **Decision Requested:** Approval and release of the draft Phase III WIP planning targets for Partnership review.

October 3, 2017 PSC-Approved Revised Midpoint Assessment Schedule

- **First week of December 2017**

- Modeling Workgroup and WQGIT recommendations on (1) how to address Conowingo; (2) climate change in the Phase III WIPs; (3) Phase 6 suite of modeling tools; and (4) draft Phase III WIP planning targets.

- **December 19-20, 2017**

- PSC meeting to make final decisions on how to address Conowingo Dam and climate change in the Phase III WIPs; approval of the Phase 6 suite of modeling tools; and release of the draft Phase III WIP planning targets for 4-month Partnership review.

- **December 22, 2017 – April 20, 2018**

- Partnership review of the draft Phase III WIP planning targets.

- **May 7, 2018**

- Release of the final Phase III WIP planning targets.

- **February 8, 2019**

- Draft Phase III WIPs posted on jurisdictions' websites for partner and public stakeholder review.

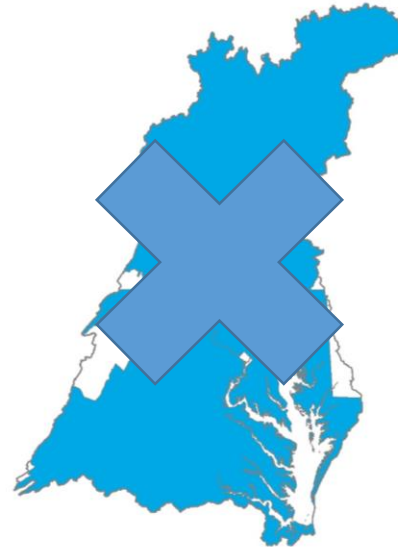
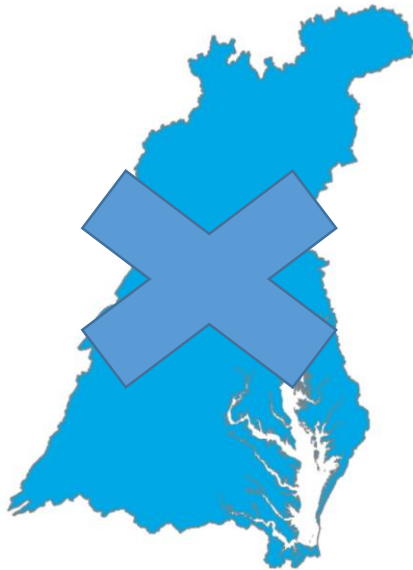
- **June 7, 2019**

- Final Phase III WIPs posted on jurisdictions' websites

Conowingo Dam Infill

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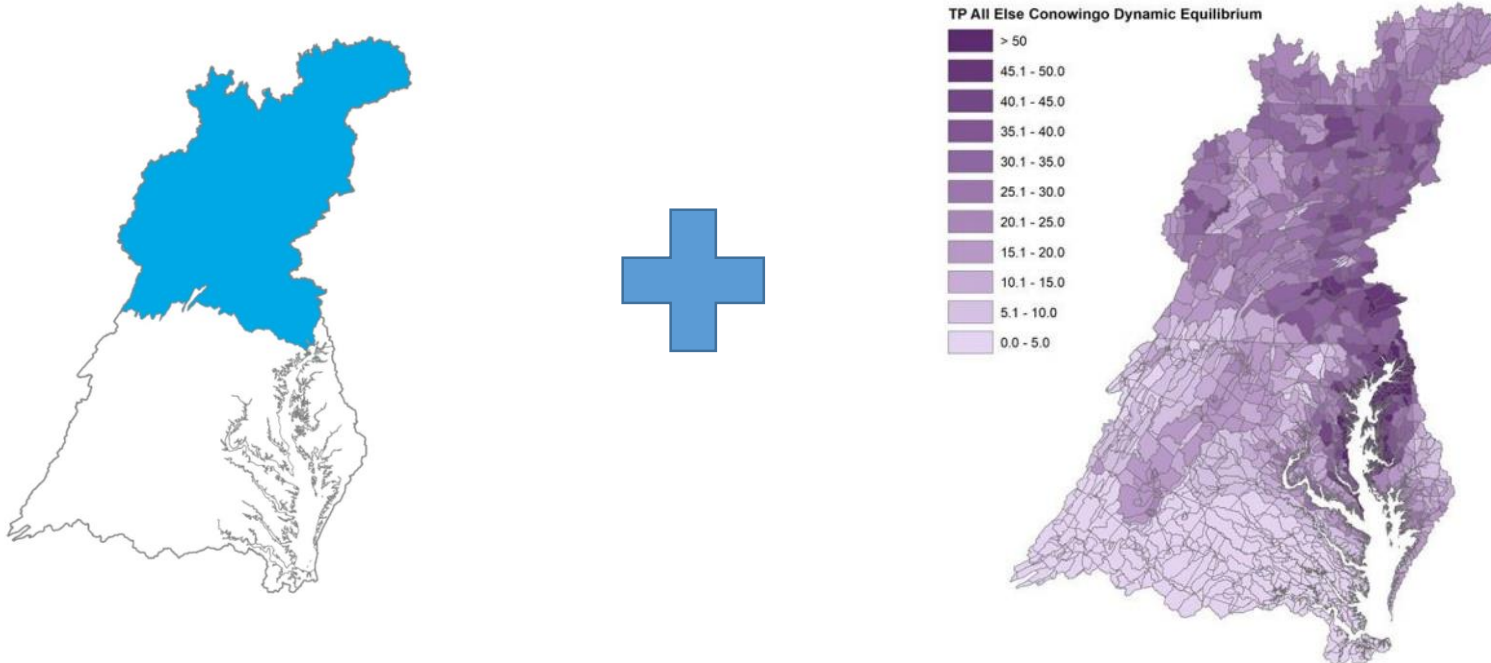
- PSC decided to keep on the table the “All Basins” and “Susquehanna + MD + VA” options for assuming responsibility to address Conowingo infill.
- WQGIT recommendation was to remove these two options since they are not cost-effective and negatively impacts WV, DE, and DC.



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- PSC agreed to maintain the “Susquehanna basin only” option
- PSC agreed to add the “Susquehanna + most effective basins” option



Conowingo Dam Infill

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- PSC agreed to draft a letter on expectations for the role in Exelon in addressing increased loads associated with Conowingo infill, as part of the Clean Water Act 401 certification.
 - The letter will likely be addressed to Exelon.
- PSC will review a draft of the letter at one of their upcoming meetings.

Climate Change

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- PSC agreed to remove qualitative policy component Element A related to Phase III WIP development.
- However, jurisdictions will have the flexibility to take this approach in Phase III WIP development.

During the development of the Phase III WIPs, jurisdictions will consider and prioritize BMPs that are more resilient to future climate impacts over the intended design life of the proposed practices.